

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 3, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

Last week, Vladimir Putin began an unprovoked and unjustified assault on Russia's neighbor, Ukraine. This is the first nation-state attack against another nation-state in Europe since the Second World War. Even though the United States is not a party to the conflict, the impact of the war will be felt here at home in the form of higher energy prices. With both energy prices and our nation's energy security in mind, we ask that you immediately rescind the job-killing environmental regulations that your Administration has imposed on domestic energy production.

In response to Putin's invasion, you stated in your February 24th address that "my Administration is using...every tool at our disposal to protect American families and businesses from rising prices at the gas pump" and "I will do everything in my power to limit the pain the American people are feeling at the gas pump." Unfortunately, statements by your Administration's officials have not inspired confidence, whether they are arguing that calls to lift restrictions on oil and gas point to the need to double down on climate policies or hoping that Putin's actions do not interfere with our climate diplomacy. More consequentially, the temporary measures your Administration has taken—whether negotiations with energy producing nations or tapping the strategic petroleum reserve—are insufficient.

Furthermore, since coming to office, your Administration has pursued a climate policy that is directly at odds with your promise to use every tool to reduce energy costs. This includes several regulations to stifle domestic energy production. These ill-advised restrictions might please a small segment of voters, but they will do little to bring down global carbon emissions. These restrictions, coupled with the inflationary pressures of runaway government spending, are driving up energy prices. To make matters worse, two years of pandemic-related restrictions that have hammered the economy have made energy even more difficult to afford for hardworking Americans.

We are particularly concerned by the following policies:

- On January 20, 2021, your first day in office, you canceled the Keystone XL Pipeline project. Your Administration has subsequently ignored congressional reporting requirements on how this would impact jobs and our energy security. This critical pipeline would have been the final phase in connecting key portions of the U.S. and Canadian oil pipeline systems and would have provided 850,000 barrels of crude oil per day from Canada.

- A suite of decisions to curtail domestic energy production, from your executive order halting new leases for oil and gas exploration last year, to the decision to radically increase estimates for the “social cost of carbon,” to the Department of the Interior’s recent decision to suspend leasing altogether.
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s recently approved onerous review process for natural gas projects, which will directly impact companies developing gas pipelines and LNG terminals by requiring them to factor in the emissions of their customers as well as their own projects, leading to higher costs and further project delays.

These and other decisions have a direct impact on global energy supply, on our ability to provide critical energy exports to our allies, and above all on the price American families must pay to fill their gas tanks and heat their homes. Mr. President, the American people are demanding sensible energy policies that strengthen our national security, support our allies, and keep energy supplies affordable. During the Trump Administration, America finally achieved energy independence.

Your Administration’s restrictions on our domestic energy industry undermine this critical independence. In light of the supply shortages brought on by Vladimir Putin’s illegal and unwarranted aggression in Ukraine, we ask that you conduct a full review of your Administration’s energy policies with an eye towards meeting your promise to use “every tool at our disposal” to keep energy prices in check.

Sincerely,



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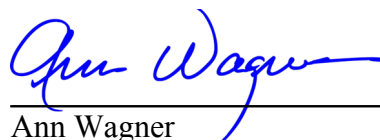
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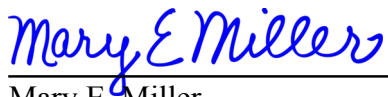
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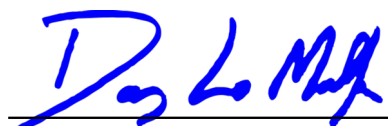
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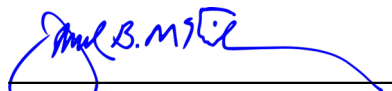
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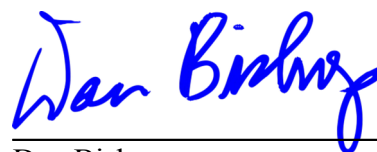
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